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Matrix

Matrix, Dimension, and Entries

An $m \times n$ **matrix** A is a rectangular array of real numbers with m rows and n columns. We refer to m and n as the **dimensions** of the matrix. The numbers that appear in the matrix are called its **entries**. We customarily use capital letters A, B, C, \dots for the names of matrices.

1. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 33 & -22 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 2×3 matrix because it has 2 rows and 3 columns.

2. $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 10 & 44 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 4×2 matrix because it has 4 rows and 2 columns.

The entries of A are 2, 0, 1, 33, -22 , and 0. The entries of B are the numbers 2, 3, 10, 44, -1 , 3, 8, and 3.

In general, the $m \times n$ matrix A has its entries labeled as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

We say that two matrices A and B are **equal** if they have the same dimensions and the corresponding entries are equal. Note that a 3×4 matrix can never equal a 3×5 matrix because they do not have the same dimensions.

Example 1 Matrix Equality

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 9 & x \\ 0 & -1 & y+1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the values of x and y such that $A = B$.

Solution For the two matrices to be equal, we must have corresponding entries equal, so

$$\begin{array}{ll} x = 0 & a_{13} = b_{13} \\ y + 1 = 11 \text{ or } y = 10 & a_{23} = b_{23} \end{array}$$

† *Before we go on...* Note in Example 1 that the matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 9 & x \\ 0 & -1 & y+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

is really six equations in one: $7 = 7, 9 = 9, x = 0, 0 = 0, -1 = -1$, and $y + 1 = 11$. We used only the two that were interesting. ■

Row Matrix, Column Matrix, and Square Matrix

A matrix with a single row is called a **row matrix**, or **row vector**. A matrix with a single column is called a **column matrix** or **column vector**. A matrix with the same number of rows as columns is called a **square matrix**.

S The 1×5 matrix $C = [3 \quad -4 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad -11]$ is a row matrix.

The 4×1 matrix $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ is a column matrix.

The 3×3 matrix $E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ -4 & 32 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a square matrix.

Matrix Addition and subtraction

Matrix Addition and Subtraction

Two matrices can be added (or subtracted) if and only if they have the same dimensions. To add (or subtract) two matrices of the same dimensions, we add (or subtract) the corresponding entries. More formally, if A and B are $m \times n$ matrices, then $A + B$ and $A - B$ are the $m \times n$ matrices whose entries are given by:

$$(A + B)_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij} \quad \text{ijth entry of the sum} = \text{sum of the ijth entries}$$
$$(A - B)_{ij} = A_{ij} - B_{ij} \quad \text{ijth entry of the difference} = \text{difference of the ijth entries}$$

Visualizing Matrix Addition

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$1. \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -5 \\ 0 & 13 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -8 \\ 1 & 13 \\ -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Corresponding entries added}$$

$$2. \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -5 \\ 0 & 13 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 2 \\ 1 & -13 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Corresponding entries subtracted}$$

scalar multiplication

A matrix A can be added to itself because the expression $A + A$ is the sum of two matrices that have the same dimensions. When we compute $A + A$, we end up doubling every entry in A . So we can think of the expression $2A$ as telling us to *multiply every element in A by 2*.

In general, to multiply a matrix by a number, multiply every entry in the matrix by that number. For example,

$$6 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{2} & -3 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{5}{6} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -18 \\ 6 & 0 \\ -6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Scalar Multiplication

If A is an $m \times n$ matrix and c is a real number, then cA is the $m \times n$ matrix obtained by multiplying all the entries of A by c . (We usually use lowercase letters c, d, e, \dots to denote scalars.) Thus, the ij th entry of cA is given by

$$(cA)_{ij} = c(A_{ij})$$

In words, this rule is: To get the ij th entry of cA , multiply the ij th entry of A by c .

Example 4 Combining Operations

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and $C = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & w \\ z & t+1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Evaluate the following: $4A$, xB , and $A + 3C$.

Solution First, we find $4A$ by multiplying each entry of A by 4:

$$4A = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -4 & 0 \\ 12 & 20 & -12 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, we find xB by multiplying each entry of B by x :

$$xB = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 3x & -x \\ 5x & -6x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We get $A + 3C$ in two steps as follows:

$$A + 3C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} x & y & w \\ z & t+1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3x & 3y & 3w \\ 3z & 3t + 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 3x & -1 + 3y & 3w \\ 3 + 3z & 3t + 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Addition and scalar multiplication of matrices have nice properties, reminiscent of the properties of addition and multiplication of real numbers. Before we state them, we need to introduce some more notation.

If A is any matrix, then $-A$ is the matrix $(-1)A$. In other words, $-A$ is A multiplied by the scalar -1 . This amounts to changing the signs of all the entries in A . For example,

$$-\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 6 & 10 & -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 & 0 \\ -6 & -10 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

For any two matrices A and B , $A - B$ is the same as $A + (-B)$. (Why?)

Also, a **zero matrix** is a matrix all of whose entries are zero. Thus, for example, the 2×3 zero matrix is

$$O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we state the most important properties of the operations that we have been talking about:

Properties of Matrix Addition and Scalar Multiplication

If A , B , and C are any $m \times n$ matrices and if O is the zero $m \times n$ matrix, then the following hold:

$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$	<i>Associative law</i>
$A + B = B + A$	<i>Commutative law</i>
$A + O = O + A = A$	<i>Additive identity law</i>
$A + (-A) = O = (-A) + A$	<i>Additive inverse law</i>
$c(A + B) = cA + cB$	<i>Distributive law</i>
$(c + d)A = cA + dA$	<i>Distributive law</i>
$1A = A$	<i>Scalar unit</i>
$0A = O$	<i>Scalar zero</i>

Transposition

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If A is an $m \times n$ matrix, then its **transpose** is the $n \times m$ matrix obtained by writing its rows as columns, so that the i th row of the original matrix becomes the i th column of the transpose. We denote the transpose of the matrix A by A^T .

Visualizing Transposition

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 5 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 10 & 44 \\ -1 & 3 \\ 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $B^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 10 & -1 & 8 \\ 3 & 44 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

4×2 matrix 2×4 matrix

2. $[-1 \quad 1 \quad 2]^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

1×3 matrix 3×1 matrix

Properties of Transposition

If A and B are $m \times n$ matrices, then the following hold:

$$(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$$

$$(cA)^T = c(A^T)$$

$$(A^T)^T = A$$